

Remarks

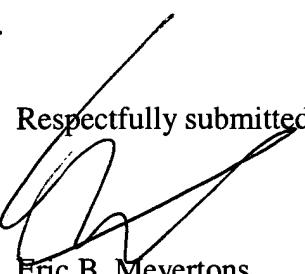
A. Pending Claims

Claims 1, 8-21, 28-32, 38, and 45 are pending. Claims 2-7, 22-27, 33-37, and 39-44 have been cancelled without prejudice. Claim 45 has been amended to correct a typographical error.

B. Additional Comments

A fee authorization is enclosed to cover fees due in association with the filing of this and accompanying documents. If an extension of time is required, Applicant hereby requests the appropriate extension of time. If additional fees are required or if any fees have been overpaid, please appropriately charge or credit those fees to Meyertons, Hood, Kivlin, Kowert, & Goetzel, P.C. Deposit Account Number 50-1505/5259-11301/EBM.

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